

Amendments to the claims

1-12 . (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A storage container with a locking device for a disk, the storage container including a base, a lid cooperating with the base to form a chamber for the disk when the lid is closed on the base, and a hub on the base configured to hold the disk on the hub in a manner that allows removal of the disk from the hub and replacement of the disk on the hub; and the locking device including a female part, and a male part configured to lock to the female part, the male part having a head and a post extending from the head, the head being configured to prevent a disk from being removed from the disk-retaining hub when the head is locked to the base, and the head be dimensioned to fit within the chamber when the lid is closed on the base; the female part being quick-connected in a receptacle in the base.

14-17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A storage container with a locking device for a disk, the storage container including:

- a base having a bottom wall;

- a lid cooperating with the base to form a chamber for the disk when the lid is closed on the base; and

- a hub on the base configured to hold the disk on the hub in a manner that allows removal of the disk from the hub and replacement of the disk on the hub;

- a locking device including a female part and a male part configured to lock to the female part, the male part having a head and a post extending from the head, the head being configured to prevent a disk from being removed from the disk-retaining hub when the head is locked through the base to the female part, and the head be dimensioned to fit within the chamber when the lid is closed on the base;

at least a portion of the female part disposed within the hub; the female part and the hub defining a quick connect device that holds the female part to the base.

19. (New) The container of claim 18, wherein the female part has a stop portion for engaging an axially outwardly facing surface of the bottom wall of the container when inserted into the receptacle.

20. (New) The container of claim 19, wherein the stop portion comprises an radially outwardly extending portion which engages the axially outwardly facing surface of the bottom wall of the container when inserted into the receptacle.

21. (New) The container of claim 18, wherein the female part includes a ball and clutch mechanism.

22. (New) The container of claim 21, wherein the ball and clutch mechanism is magnetically operated to release the post.

23. (New) The container of claim 18, wherein the quick connect device includes a retention device on one of the hub and female part and a cooperative retention device on the other of the hub and the female part.

24. (New) The container of claim 23, wherein the female part has a cylindrical outer surface.

24. (New) The container of claim 23, wherein the retention device includes a radial protrusion and the cooperative retention device is in the form of a recess that receives the radial protrusion in a resilient snap fit.

25. (New) The container of claim 24, wherein the cooperative retention device is an annular groove.

26. (New) The container of claim 18, wherein the hub includes at least one radial protrusion that axially retain a disc.

27. (New) The container of claim 26, wherein the male part has a portion disposed outwardly of the hub and surrounding a portion of the hub.

28. (New) The container of claim 18, wherein the hub includes a retention device having an upper surface; female part includes a retention device that engages the upper surface of the retention device of the hub.

29. (New) The container of claim 28, wherein the male part has an inner surface and the female part has an upper surface; the upper surface of the female part directly engaging the inner surface of the male part.

30. (New) The container of claim 29, wherein the female part has a stop portion for engaging an axially outwardly facing surface of the bottom wall of the container when inserted into the receptacle.

31. (New) The container of claim 28, wherein the hub includes a pair of arms having radially outwardly extending protrusions for axially holding the disc on the hub; the retention device of the hub disposed between the pair of arms.